Refusal to Play National Anthem

4028. KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Union Government has been drawn to a newsitem appearing in the Organiser of October 27, 1991 regarding refusal to play National Andhem;

(b) if so, the facts of the case;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to check recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The facts have been called for from the Government of Kerala and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Public Call Offices in Uttar Pradesh

4029. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts without Public Call Offices in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be provided with telephones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) All districts in Uttar Pradesh have been provided with Public Call Offices.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Telephone Connections from Shahdara Exchange, Delhi

4030. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of connections sanctioned from Shahdara, Delhi exchange No. 228 during 1990-91;

(b) whether the said connections have not been provided so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Release Orders (OBs) for a total of 3688 new telephone connections were issued in Shahdara Level 228 Exchange during 1990-91. Of these 357 OBs are pending as on date.

(c) These Work Orders are pending for execution due to the following reasons:

(1) Some of the areas are technically non-feasible, mostly, on account of non-availability of cable pairs.

(2) Some pockets fall under Yamuna Vihar Exchange area for which an Electronic Exchange is likely to be commissioned by June, 1992.

(d) (i) Apart from laying additional cables to make the areas technically feasible, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited is also providing telephone connections by way of Pair Gain System in these areas.

(ii) There had been a problem regarding availability of land for exchange building in Yamuna Vihar area. After vigorously pursuing the case, a plot of land was made over by DDA on 2nd August, 1991. All out efforts are being made in commissioning new exchange at Yamuna Vihar.

[*English*]

Canalising Fees Earned by N.F.D.C.

4031. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of canalising fees earned by the National Film Development Corporation by way of import of English films from NRI's during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the canalising fees earned by N.F.D.C. have been spent for the benefit of the cinema industry in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Canalisation fees earned by National Film Development Corporation from import of foreign films from Non-Resident Indians for the last three financial years as under:-

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	26.15
1989-90	41.48
1990-91	41.85

(b) and (c). The income to the Corporation is spent for various schemes under developmental activities of the Corporation for the benefit of Cinema Industry in India such as financing high quality low budget films under various schemes for new comers and established producers, under 100% production of feature films by National Film Development Corporation, providing production and post production infrastructure facilities including dubbing, recording, sub-titling, transfer on video cassettes, hiring of equipments in 16mm production etc.

Installation of Cellular Telephones

4032. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to instal cellular telephones in certain selected cities;

(b) if so, the names of such cities; and

(c) the likely cost involved per connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The proposal is under examination.

(c) Cost will depend upon type of technology selected.